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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because line 2 contains the legal term "comprises." Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deo et al (US6403930) in view of Coleman (US6262395).

Deo et al discloses an electric heating element comprising an electric heating element (20), a wall surrounding the heating element with an upwardly facing ledge (16), a heat resistant

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gasket (32), a glass panel over heating element and on gasket (26), a frame around a perimeter of glass panel (Figure 6), and a fastener (column 5, line 48-column 6, line 9). Deo et al does not disclose a corrugated ribbon heating element. Coleman discloses a corrugated ribbon heating element (6). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included the corrugated ribbon heating element of Coleman in the apparatus of Deo et al because, a corrugated ribbon heating element allows for a more uniform heating.

5. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deo et al in view of Coleman as applied to claims 1-2 above, and further in view of Weyrick (US3578949).

Deo et al in view of Coleman discloses all of the recited subject matter except a heating element to heat the central portion and a heating element to heat the peripheral portion. Weyrick discloses a heating element to heat the central portion and a heating element to heat the peripheral portion (Figure 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included a heating element for the central and peripheral portions as taught by Weyrick in the apparatus of Deo et al along with the corrugated ribbon heating element of Coleman because, a heating element for the central and peripheral portions allows the oven cavity to be heated more quickly.

6. Claims 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deo et al in view of Coleman as applied to claims 1-2 above, and further in view of Bobo, Jr. et al (US6533289).

Deo et al in view of Coleman discloses all of the recited subject matter except a gasket comprised of a braided fiberglass sleeve encircling a knitted wire spring. Bobo, Jr. et al

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discloses a gasket comprised of a braided fiberglass sleeve encircling a knitted wire spring (Figure 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included the gasket of Bobo Jr., et al in the apparatus of Deo et al along with the corrugated ribbon heating element of Coleman because, a gasket comprised of a braided fiberglass sleeve encircling a knitted wire spring allows for a more efficient method of sealing.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 6-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
8. Claims 9-17 are allowed.

Conclusion

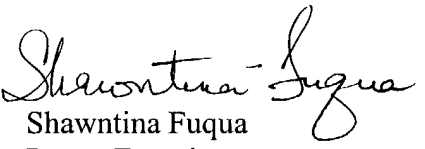
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawntina T. Fuqua whose telephone number is (703) 305-2581. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (703) 305-5766. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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September 26, 2004


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